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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED NATIONS

1. ON WHAT HE SAID WERE INTRUCTIONS FROM MORE SENIOR
LEVEL AT MFA, DIRECTOR (UNITED NATIONS) MUNIR AKRAM
CALLED IN POL COUNSELOR TO GO OVER A NUMBER OF UN-RELATED
ISSUES WHICH WERE OF CONCERN TO GOP AS NEW YEAR BEGINS.

2. AKRAM, WHO SPENT MUCH OF THE FALL IN NEW YORK AS
SECRETARY TO THE PAK UNGA DELEGATION AND IS WELL KNOWN
TO OUR PEOPLE THERE, OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING
GOP'S GRATITUDE TO USG FOR SUPPORT WE GAVE TO PAKISTAN'S
UNSC CANDIDACY. HE WENT ON TO DISCUSS GOP CONCERNS
ABOUT SECURITY OF ITS MISSION PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY IN
NEW YORK, ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD UNGA PROCEEDINGS, AND
WHERE IT SEES ITSELF GOING IN WHAT FOR THE PAKS IN THE
IMPORTANT ISSUE OF STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF
NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

3. AKRAM CALLED ATTENTION OF POL COUNSELOR TO JDL
STONING OF PAK UN MISSION. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
WITH PAKISTAN NOW OCCUPYING A UNSC SEAT, FREQUENCY OF
GOP TAKING POSITIONS CONSIDERED INIMICAL BY SUCH
EXTREMISTS ORGANIZATIONS AS JDL WOULD INCREASE. POL
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COUNSELOR NOTED THAT EARLIER ATTACK HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY

REGRETTED BOTH IN NEW YORK AND ISLAMABAD AND SAID THAT HE ASSUMED AUTHORITIES WOULD DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO ENSURE PROPER PROTECTION IN FUTURE. AKRAM SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT WANTED PAK APPREHENSIONS DRAWN TO USG ATTENTION.

4. DISCUSSING UNGA PROCEEDINGS, AKRAM TOOK FAMILIAR PAK LINE THAT GOP SOUGHT WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO PLAY MODERATE ROLE AND TO DO WHAT IT COULD IN CORRIDORS TO HEAD OFF MORE RADICAL APPROACHES ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THIRD WORLD AND ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. FOCUSING ON ZIONIST RESOLUTION, AKRAM STATED THAT PAK AMBASSADOR AKHUND (ALONG WITH IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HOVEIDA) HAD SOUGHT TO INCORPORATE CHANGES IN DRAFT WHICH WOULD HAVE SPELLED OUT MORE CLEARLY THAT RESOLUTION REFERRED ONLY TO POLITICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF ZIOISM IN MIDDLE EAST AND THAT ANTI-SEMITISM WAS NOT INTENDED. HE SAID THAT PAKS HAD ALSO TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PERSUADE THE ARABS THAT THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS. ON GUAM RESOLUTION, AKRAM RECALLED THAT PAKS HAD APPROACHED US DELEGATION WITH PROPOSAL THAT DRAFT BE CONSIDERED PARA BY PARA, AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN PREPARED (TYPICALLY) TO PERSUADE A THIRD COUNTRY TO SPONSOR THIS TACTIC. IF US DELEGATION HAD BEEN FAVORABLY INCLINED, AKRAM NOTED, PAKS WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED ON PARAS OFFENSIVE TO US AND, HAVING GONE ON RECORD IN WAY WHICH THEY WOULD PRESUME WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US, WOULD THEN HAVE VOTED FOR FULL RESOLUTION.

5. REVIEWING PAK EFFORTS AT 30TH UNGA TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, AKRAM STRESSED THAT IN FORMULATING "NONE-USE CLAUSE" PAKS HAD SOUGHT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALLIANCES AND STRATEGIC DOCTRINES OF NUCLEAR POWERS. PAKS HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR AN EQUITABLE FORMULATION, SOMETHING WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO NUCLEAR POWERS. AKRAM RECALLED INTENSE SOVIET OPPOSITION TO PAK EFFORTS AND, WHILE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S HELPFUL ATTITUDE, CONFIDENTIAL

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SAID THAT US FORMULATIONS INDICATED A LACK OF APPRECIATION OF WHAT PAKS WERE TRYING TO DO.

6. AKRAM WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GOP INTENDS TO REEXAMINE ITS POSITION TO SEE WHAT DIFFERENT, PERHAPS MORE ELABORATE FORMULATION COULD BE WORKED UP WHICH WOULD FIND GREATER SUPPORT. HE STRESSED THE INDISPENSIBILITY IN THESE FURTHER EFFORTS OF US ACCEPTANCE

OF THE FORMULATION, OR AT LEAST OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY OBJECTION FROM US. WHAT PAKISTAN WAS TRYING TO DO, HE SAID, WAS TO BUILD UP SUPPORT FOR ITS EFFORTS AND TO USE THIS SUPPORT TO APPLY PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS AND THE NON-ALIGNED TO MODIFY THEIR OWN UNACCEPTABLE STANDS.

7. AKRAM SAID GOP HAD NO TIME FRAME OR ANY PARTICULAR PROCEDURE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN MIND AT THIS TIME. HE DID WANT TO STRESS, HE SAID, THAT PAKS WERE STILL VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH ISSUE AND WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH USG IN BRINGING IT TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.
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